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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

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1 Amend H.B. No. 3 on third reading by adding the following
 2 appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering
 3 subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Notwithstanding any other law, if this state
 5 receives from the federal government an amount of \$1 billion or
 6 more related to disaster or pandemic relief response after the
 7 governor has signed and the comptroller of public accounts has
 8 certified S.B. No. 1, Acts of the 87th Legislature, Regular
 9 Session, 2021 (the General Appropriations Act), or similar law,
 10 the expenditure of any of that money appropriated for the state
 11 fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2021, or for the state fiscal
 12 biennium beginning September 1, 2021, is contingent on the approval
 13 of that expenditure by the House Appropriations Committee and
 14 Senate Finance Committee in joint or separate hearings not later
 15 than 120 days after the enactment of the federal legislation
 16 authorizing the disbursement of the money. Federal money described
 17 by this section may not be spent until the secretary of the senate
 18 and the chief clerk of the house of representatives certify to the
 19 comptroller of public accounts that public hearings were held by
 20 those committees on the subject of the approval.